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**Letter dated 3 August 2016 from the Permanent Representative of
Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to
the Secretary-General**

I have the honour to submit to you a statement by the Heads of State of the member countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the United Nations, signed in Kazakhstan on 16 October 2015 during the summit of CIS countries (see annex).

I should be grateful to have the present letter and its annex issued as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 122.

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Statement by the Heads of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States on the occasion of the seventieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations

We, the Heads of the States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, in adopting this statement, note that the birth of the United Nations coincided with the victory in the Second World War and played a key role in the formation of the modern world order. With the passage of time, the Organization has become universal as regards both the number of its Member States and the number and nature of items on its agenda.

This gives the United Nations indisputable legitimacy and special authority for the maintenance of peace and security, the advancement of the international rule of law, the observance of fundamental human rights and freedoms, economic cooperation and development, and cultural and humanitarian engagement.

During its lifetime, the United Nations has made a significant contribution to the maintenance of international peace and security.

The globalization processes occurring in the world, and the new threats and challenges, urgently require that the United Nations adapt to new realities. If the Organization is to continue to be equal to the task of serving as a centre for the coordination of international collective efforts, Member States must display political will and mobilize the necessary resources and support for the United Nations to fulfil the purposes and principles laid down in its Charter. It is important to work together, taking into account the interests of each participant in the negotiating process.

The States members of the Commonwealth of Independent States, which call for strengthening the central role of the United Nations in the promotion of peace, security and sustainable development and maintaining the primary responsibility of the Security Council for international peace and security under the Charter of the United Nations, note the importance of reforming the Organization and enhancing its structure. The Security Council must become more representative and effective in order to meet the demands of the modern world.

In this context, all of the Organization's work must promote the adoption of decisions that demonstrate our common commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

Burabay, Kazakhstan
16 October 2015